

✓ Claim 3, line 1, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

✓ Claim 4, line 1, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

✓ Claim 5, line 1, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

Claim 6 (amended) A method for the preparation of a microsatellite marker of [claims 1 to 5] claim 1 for plants of the *Triticum aestivum* species as well of the Tribe Triticeae, [characterized in that] wherein hypervariable genome sections (so-called microsatellites), with the help of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), are amplified, subsequently separated and detected to polymorphous fragments in the presence of two specific primers, which flank a microsatellite sequence to the left and right of each microsatellite locus.

✓ Claim 7, line 1, please delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;